

**Iowa Department of Natural Resources  
Environmental Protection Commission**

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**DECISION**

**TOPIC**

**Memorandum of Agreement– Nebraska Department of Environmental  
Quality – Homeland Security Planning and Exchanges**

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The Department requests Commission approval of a Memorandum of Agreement so the Nebraska Department of Environmental Quality (NDEQ) can pay the Iowa DNR \$25,000 for Iowa's share of a joint project to set up an exchange of environmental data for homeland security.

**Background:** The four states in Region VII have received a joint grant from EPA for Homeland Security Planning and Exchanges. Nebraska (NDEQ) is the lead agency, and partner states include: Iowa, Kansas, and Missouri.

**Purpose:** to develop a web service process among the four states to provide automated access to environmental information for those involved in homeland security/emergency response. This data will be used to enhance decision-making and risk assessment for situations with environmental problems that overlap state boundaries. It will also improve data access for local emergency responders, such as counties and fire departments.

**Funding:** all federal funding from the Exchange Network Challenge Grant from EPA.

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